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H.B. No. 145

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to prohibiting certain limitations on the operation of  
3 certain organizations that benefit veterans during certain  
4 declared states of disaster.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 418.012, Government Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 418.012. EXECUTIVE ORDERS. (a) Under this chapter,  
9 the governor may issue executive orders, proclamations, and  
10 regulations and amend or rescind them. Executive orders,  
11 proclamations, and regulations have the force and effect of law.

12 (b) An executive order, proclamation, or regulation issued  
13 by the governor under this chapter during a pandemic that restricts  
14 the operation of or the hours of operation for a business that sells  
15 alcoholic beverages may not include an organization exempt from  
16 federal taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of  
17 1986, as an organization described by Section 501(c)(19) of that  
18 code, that benefits veterans of the United States armed forces.

19 SECTION 2. Section 418.012, Government Code, as amended by  
20 this Act, applies only to a declaration of a state of disaster  
21 issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
22 declaration issued before the effective date of this Act is  
23 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
24 of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
2 last day of the legislative session.